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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,12 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,4-11,13 and 15-22 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 3, 12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee (US Patent No. 6,421,038).

As to claims 1, 12, Lee discloses an active matrix type display device(Fig. 1), comprising: a plurality of gate lines (GL1...GLn, Fig. 1); a plurality of data lines (SL1...SLm) crossing the plurality of gate lines; a plurality of pixel electrodes(C1c); a thin film transistor (CMN) disposed at each intersection between the plurality of gate lines and plurality data lines, and including a gate electrode and an active region, the gate electrode being connected to one of the plurality of gate lines, the active region having a first region connected to one of the plurality of data lines and a second region connected to a corresponding one of the plurality of pixel electrodes; and a gate line driver (14) for sequentially applying a gate selection signal with a pulse-shaped voltage waveform (Fig. 2B) to a selected one of the plurality of gate lines; wherein the gate line driver causes a falling edge of the gate selection signal with the pulse-shaped voltage waveform to be smoother than a rising edge thereof (see Fig. 2B, and col. 40-61).

As to claims 3, 14, Lee discloses that the gate selection signals falls over a time much greater than the signal to rise (Fig. 2B). Since, the time for rising is in a vertical direction, the

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rising time is much like an instant time. Thus, the falling time is at least ten time longer than the rising time.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2, 4-11, 13 and 15-22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3, 12, and 14 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Xiao Wu whose telephone number is (703) 305-4721.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Shalwala Bipin**, can be reached on (703) 305-4938.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377

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